

CONTINGENT EXPENSES—MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

*A statement of the contingent expenses of the military establishment.*

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JANUARY 15, 1855.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, January 12, 1855.*

SIR : In conformity with the 5th section of the act of March 3, 1809, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of the expenditures during the year 1854, from the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the military establishment.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JEFFERSON DAVIS,  
*Secretary of War.*

Hon. J. D. BRIGHT,  
*President pro tem. of the Senate.*

*A statement of the expenditure of the appropriation of the contingent expenses of the military establishment for the year 1854; exhibited in pursuance of the 5th section of the act of March 3, 1809, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments."*

Date.	To whom paid.	For what purpose.	Amount.	Total.
1854.				
Jan. 5	W. L. Elliott, lieutenant rifles .....	Paid Jonathan Mix, Lockhart, Texas, 1853, for issuing "search warrant," services, and fees .....		\$1 85
21	A. Sully, lieutenant 2d infantry.....	Paid James H. Carson for services as guide under General Riley, in making reconnoissance of Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, from July 4, to August 11, 1849.....		390 00
23	Edmund Hayes, lieutenant 4th artillery...	Paid G. H. Hyatt for 1 day in April, 1850, guiding paymaster's ambulance..		3 00
	John P. O'Brien, captain 4th artillery ....	Paid B. R. Graham for services as postmaster, from 1st to 31st August, 1847, in Mexico.....		50 00
	John C. McFerran, lieutenant 3d infantry.	Paid B. M. Browder for services as prosecuting attorney in a case tried at Santa Fé on the 6th and 7th of November, 1850, between the Territory as plaintiff, and Thomas Parsons as defendant.....	\$50 00	
		Paid J. F. Crosby for professional services, defending Lieut. Colonel D. S. Miles, 3d infantry, in suits instituted against him by one Devosier and others, in United States court for third judicial district of the Territory of New Mexico, for logs cut on the public lands, loss of a cow, &c.....	100 00	250 00
26	Stewart Van Vliet, captain, A. Q. M.....	Paid Price Husbands at Fort Laramie, for services as interpreter, from June 20 to August 20, 1849 .....	60 00	
		Paid James M. McCloskey in September, 1849, for services as interpreter and guide, from Fort Laramie to Fort Pierre, on the Missouri river, and returning to Fort Laramie.....	200 00	
		Paid Joseph Juett at Fort Laramie, in November, 1849, for services as interpreter.....	27 00	
		Paid William Lynch & Co., St. Louis, Missouri, for coffin and funeral expenses of the late Brigadier General Whiting, A. Q. M. General.....	74 00	361 00
Feb. 11	W. A. Winder, lieutenant 3d artillery....	Paid Abner Doliff for services in Florida as a guide for 34 days, in October and November, 1849. ....		68 00
	James Oakes, lieutenant 2d dragoons .....	Paid John D. Herring in March, 1848, in the city of Mexico, for 5 yards of crape.....		5 00

17	R. S. Smith, lieutenant 4th artillery.....	Paid F. R. O. de Beville for services as instructor of riding at United States Military Academy, West Point, for November and December, 1850, nine months in 1851, and eight months in 1852, at \$62 50 per month.....		1,187 50
	H. B. Judd, captain 3d artillery.....	Paid Aquipita Garcia and Estavan Caluna, in 1849, for services as interpreter and guide to Comanches.....	14 50	
		Paid Charles Audibis for services as interpreter and guide for 1 year and 24 days.....	135 00	1,149 58
Feb. 18	O. H. P. Taylor, lieutenant 1st dragoons.....	Paid Manuel Luren at Albuquerque, in July, 1859, for 15 days' services as guide.....		45 00
	A. C. Myers, brevet lieutenant colonel....	Paid Isaac Bridge & Co., New Orleans, in August, 1852, for 1 Rich & Co's improved patent salamander safe.....	283 00	
		Paid B. M. Norman, New Orleans, in December, 1852, and March, 1853, for framing military and public maps.....	12 00	295 00
Mar. 1	W. W. Hudson, late lieutenant 1st inf'y..	Paid G. W. Pierce, S. L. Anderson, Offracia and Benture Gonzalis, for services as interpreters and guides in 1849 and 1850.....		217 00
2	H. M. Black, lieutenant 7th infantry ....	Paid Costa Fixio Chopco for services as guide in 1849 and 1850, from Pea river to Indian river.....		54 00
6	E. S. Sibley, brevet major, A. Q. M.....	Paid J. H. Carleton, brevet major United States army, for transportation of his baggage, in July, 1853, from Fort Union to Santa Fé, and back to Fort Union again.....		21 00
13	T. T. Turnley, lieutenant 1st infantry ....	Paid Jose Maria Flores for services as guide in April, May, and June, 1849, to the troops stationed on the Rio Grande, near Eagle Pass, Texas.....		147 04
	Milton Cogswell, lieutenant 8th infantry ..	Paid James Shaw for services as guide in April, May, and June, 1850.....		120 00
14	Oscar A. Mack, lieutenant 4th artillery...	Paid John C. Churchill for professional services at Oswego, New York, in September, 1850, in the case of Brenan and Hodgins vs. United States.....		13 00
18	Thomas Swords, brevet lieut. col., Q. M..	Paid William A. Lynch & Co. and B. W. Alexander, for funeral expenses of the late Colonel Mackay, deputy quartermaster general, at St. Louis, Missouri, in March, 1851.....	158 00	
		Paid J. Prescott Hall in January, 1853, for professional services in defence of Colonel Harvey Brown in a suit brought against him by Gustavus A. Perry, enlisted as a private soldier, but discharged by writ of habeas corpus, on the ground of his minority.....	250 00	
		Also taxed costs in same case.....	95 87	
		Paid J. Prescott Hall in November, 1853, for professional services in the suit of George Ford vs. A. P. Hone and Charles Wooster, officers of the United States army at Governor's Island, New York, sued in trespass for acts done under authority of a court martial.....	100 00	
		Taxed costs in suit.....	92 00	
		Cash paid, costs in settlement of suit.....	80 75	
		Paid Harper & Brothers, New York, in January, March, and April, 1853, for 200 copies of Scott's Infantry Tactics.....	222 76	

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Date.	To whom paid.	For what purpose.	Amount.	Total.
1854.				
March 18	Thomas Swords, brevet lieut. col., Q. M.— Continued.....	Paid James C. Church, New York, in January, 1853, for 12 yards of erape..	\$6 00	\$1,005 38
	J. C. Robinson, captain 5th infantry.....	Paid Paddy Carr in February, 1850, at Fort Gibson, Arkansas, for services as interpreter, guide, &c.....		11 25
	D. H. Hastings, lieutenant 1st dragoons..	Paid John Sparhr, John W. Ely, Jos. C. Thompson, and James Callio, jr., at Carlisle barracks, Pennsylvania, for State, county, borough, and school taxes, for 1849 and 1850.....		436 07
22	A. W. Bowman, captain 3d infantry.....	Paid T. F. White, in January, 1850, for five mules, to make a reconnoissance of El Paso, by order of General Worth, preparatory to the march of the battalion of 3d infantry from San Antonio.....		260 00
30	A. C. Myers, brevet lieut. colonel, Q. M. D.	Paid Francis Reyes and P. R. Lopez, at St. Augustine, Florida, in September, 1849, for services as guide.....		13 00
April 5	E. H. Fitzgerald, brevet major 1st dragoons	Paid H. W. Haskell, in July, 1849, for services as guide.....		50 00
	Z. Collins Lee.....	For professional services in attending eight habeas corpus cases in the courts of Maryland, in 1841, '42, '43, and 1850.....		40 00
	John Bold, late lieutenant 8th infantry....	Paid Samuel K. Smith, at Fort Worth, Texas, in April, 1850, for services as guide.....	32 90	
		Paid John Lewis, at Fort Worth, Texas, in May and June, 1850, for two months services as interpreter and guide.....	80 00	112 90
13	R. W. Kirkham, brevet captain 6th infantry	Paid Louis De Morreau, at Fort Snelling, in March, 1850, for services as guide.....		33 25
	W. W. Chapman, brevet major, A. Q. M.	Paid James A. Little for services as postmaster, at Brazos Santiago, Texas, from July 1, to August 16, 1848.....	60 66	
		Paid John Boyd, for similar services, from August 17, to December 31, 1848.	179 35	
		Paid Peter Roniche, at Fort Brown, Texas, in October, 1848, for services as interpreter and guide.....	34 00	
		Paid S. M. Jarvis, who was sent from Fort Brown to the city of Mexico for the purpose of obtaining important testimony and documentary evidence, to be used in the Dobbin's suit, for his actual expenses while absent, from March 15, to August 2, 1851, and for amount paid in Mexico for assistance rendered in procuring said evidence.....	775 25	

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			Paid Messrs. Basse & Hord, attorneys, employed by authority of Secretary of War, at Fort Brown, Texas, for defending suit instituted against Major Chapman by Leonard Dobbins, for recovery of the land occupied by the United States, at Brazos Santiago, Texas; and, also, for defending the suit instituted by William Patterson against Major W. W. Chapman and Leonard Dobbins.....	1,000 00	
			Paid Messrs. Basse & Hord, in May, 1853, additional amount for services as counsel in defending the suit of Leonard Dobbins vs. Major W. Chapman.....	500 00	2,549 26
April	17	J. L. Donaldson, brevet major, A. Q. M. .	Paid R. E. Goodell for services as postmaster, at Saltillo, Mexico, from February 6 to May 24, 1847.....	163 42	
			Paid H. P. Cabell for similar services, same place, from October 1, to December 11, 1847.....	108 32	
			Paid Samuel Rogers, in October, 1849, for services as guide.....	4 00	
			Paid John Driscoll, and J. Harvey & Co., in 2d and 3d quarters, 1852-'53, for muslin for target.....	17 68	293 42
	24	S. B. Buckner, brevet captain 6th infantry	Paid Henry Chambers, at Fort Snelling, in September, 1851, for hire of team to carry provisions.....		2 00
		Henry Benson, lieutenant 2d artillery.....	Paid James Calder, at Charleston, South Carolina, in October, 1850, for one coffin for the late T. B. J. Wild, lieutenant 2d artillery.....		25 00
		John Buford, lieutenant 2d dragoons.....	Paid William Hacker, at Albuquerque, N. M., in September, 1849, for services as interpreter.....	36 50	
			Paid James Amijo for similar services, at same place, in September, October and November, 1849.....	108 00	144 50
	25	James S. Folsom, captain, A. Q. M. ....	Paid G. H. Moore, at San Francisco, California, in September, 1851, for one small iron safe for use of pay department.....		45 00
	27	James Belger, major, A. Q. M. ....	Paid Wm. Swift, jr., at San Antonio, Texas, in August, 1852, for one iron safe.....	175 00	
			Paid Lyons, McDonald & Co., at San Antonio, Texas, in September, 1852, for advertising notice to Texas Rangers.....	5 00	180 00
May	1	C. M. Wilcox, lieutenant 7th infantry....	Paid John A. Gernon, sheriff, at Corpus Christi, Texas, in November, 1853, for expenses in prosecuting a teamster for selling corn, the property of the United States.....		34 60
		H. A. Maynadier, lieutenant 1st artillery..	Paid J. R. Walters, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in September, 1853, for funeral expenses of the late Captain J. M. Morgan, of ordnance department.....		40 00
	4	A. D. Tree, lieutenant 2d dragoons.....	Paid Feodore Minando, at Pueblo, Mexico, in July, 1847, for one coffin for the late Lieutenant Hill, 2d dragoons.....	13 25	

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Date.	To whom paid.	For what purpose.	Amount.	Total.
May 4	A. D. Tree—Continued.....	Paid J. J. Etheridge, at San Antonio, Texas, for services as guide, in October, November, and December, 1850.....	\$90 00	
		Paid George J. Neill, at Austin, Texas, in February, 1859, for services of himself and horse as guide.....	12 00	
				\$115 25
17	R. H. Smith, lieutenant 3d artillery.....	Paid George Shepard & Son, at New London, Connecticut, in May 1851, for 89 pounds of rope for floating target.....		12 46
June 17	J. N. Caldwell, captain 1st infantry.....	Paid Francisco Santana, at Camp Ringgold, Texas, in February, 1849, for services as guide.....	4 50	
		Paid Andrew Walker, for 26 days service as guide, in February, 1849, from Camp Ringgold to San Antonio, Texas.....	78 00	
		Paid Prudencia Garcia, for 15 days services as guide, from Camp Ringgold to Lorado, Texas.....	15 00	
		Paid Roque Margricio, for services as guide to Captain Ford's company of Texas volunteers, for April and May, 1850.....	80 00	
				177 50
July 1	W. H. Seawell, late lieuten't 14th infantry.	Paid George Ainslie, in Mexico, in January, 1848, for one leaden coffin for Lieutenant B. S. Mudd, deceased.....		55 00
5	P. W. Humphreys, late agent Q. M. Dep't	Paid A. N. Norton, at Corpus Christi, Texas, for services as guide, from September 19 to December 31, 1849.....	136 00	
		Paid A. J. Walker, at Corpus Christi, Texas, for services as guide, from September 12, 1849, to February 28, 1850.....	215 99	
		Paid A. N. Norton, at Corpus Christi, Texas, for services as guide, for January and February, 1850.....	80 00	
		Paid Roque Margricio, at Corpus Christi, Texas, for services as guide, in March, 1850.....	36 12	
				468 11
8	A. D. Steuart, paymaster.....	Paid McMurray & Gawly, St. Louis, Missouri, in May, 1854, for 1 large iron safe for use of the pay department at Santa Fé, New Mexico, with one of Hobbs' patent lock, for same.....		311 00
26	S. D. Sturgis, lieutenant 1st dragoons.....	Paid José de Carben Dominguez, at Santa Barbara, California, in July, 1849, for services as guide.....	40 00	
		Paid Uhanía Garcia, at San Louis Obispo, California, in July, 1849, for services as guide.....	33 00	

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		Paid William Breek, at Stockton, California, in August, 1849, for services as guide.....	175 00	
	P. R. Thompson, captain 1st dragoons....	Paid Ira B. Brumson, at Fort Atkinson, in February, 1848, for services as guide.....	18 00	248 00
		Paid Theodore Lupient, at Prairie du Chien, in June, 1846, for services as interpreter.....	78 75	
	T. Henry, lieutenant 7th infantry.....	Paid William Wyatt, jr., at Fort Harney, Florida, in November, 1849, for services as pilot and guide.....	16 50	96 75
		Paid Wm. H. Addison, at Fort Hamar, Florida, in November, 1849, for services as guide.....	9 00	
August 2	J. P. J. O'Brien, brevet major.....	Paid John Rahn, Indianola, Texas, March 31, 1850, for 1 coffin for major O'Brien, now admitted in the settlement of his account.....		25 50
4	Albert Pleasanton, lieutenant 2d dragoons..	Paid Richard Owens, in New Mexico, for services as guide, from June 1 to September 5, 1849.....	776 00	24 50
		Paid Michael Guelen, in New Mexico, for services as guide, from June 20 to September 5, 1849.....	308 00	
	D. S. Simpson, lieutenant 2d artillery.....	Paid R. A. Conin, at Chapultepec, Mexico, in March, 1849, for 10 yards of crape.....		1,084 00
21	Thomas Swords, lieutenant colonel.....	Paid Henry S. Johnson, for services of himself, assistant, and two chainmen, surveying and making out plan of the public lands in the village of Plattsburg, New York, in January, 1854.....	94 50	10 00
		Paid John S. Martin, New York, in February, 1854, for copying record of a court of inquiry.....	50 16	
21	W. S. Grant, captain 4th infantry.....	Paid the Hudson Bay Company, in July, 1853, for 1½ yards of crape.....		144 66
30	J. A. Haskins, brevet major, 1st artillery..	Paid J. W. Roberts, at Fort Brooke, Tampa Bay, in August, 1849, for copying proceedings of circuit court of Hillsborough county, in the case of Louis Zollinger.....	2 00	1 87
		Paid William B. Brooker, at Fort Brooke, Florida, in November, 1849, for services of himself and horse, as guide.....	45 00	
	J. L. Corley, lieutenant 6th infantry.....	Paid John M. Perry, at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, in January, 1853, for services as attorney in behalf of the United States.....		47 00
	C. S. Winder, lieutenant 6th infantry.....	Paid F. Henry and Wm. Jones, Liverpool, England, January, 1854, for various articles purchased from them, for the immediate and pressing necessities of that portion of the San Francisco sufferers who were taken from the wreck of the ship Antarctic, and carried to Liverpool.....	1,186 78	20 00

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Date.	To whom paid.	For what object.	Amount.	Total.
Aug. 20	C. S. Winder—Continued.....	Paid William Brownell, Newport, Rhode Island, in February, 1854, for sundry articles purchased for similar purposes .....	\$48 31	\$1,235 09
ept. 2	Cave J. Coutts, lieutenant, A. A. Q. M....	Paid William Power, at San Diego, California, in December, 1849, for 95 days services as interpreter to the expedition to and from the junction of the Gila and Colorado rivers .....	285 00	
		Paid Thomas Chinn, same time and place, for 106 days services as Indian interpreter .....	212 00	497 00
	C. M. Wilcox, lieutenant 7th infantry.....	Paid Francis Mendiola, at Corpus Christi, Texas, in September, 1851, for services as guide .....		6 00
7	A. Montgomery, captain, A. Q. M .....	Paid James A. Little, at Matamoras, Mexico, in September, 1846, for services in post office .....	11 16	
		Paid E. A. J. Woolfolk, at Monterey, Mexico, for services in post office, from December 23, 1846, to April 4, 1847 .....	136 77	
		Paid Durant da Ponte, at Monterey, Mexico, for services in post office, from May 23 to June 24, 1847 .....	62 60	
		Paid J. H. Bean, at Monterey, Mexico, for services in post office, from June 25 to August 31, 1847 .....	136 00	345 93
19	Isaac Shalcross .....	For surveying the old Lazaretto ground in September, 1854, near Fort Mifflin, and making plan .....		7 00
21	G. A. DeRussey, lieutenant 4th artillery..	Paid Lorenzo Heras, at Soluca, Mexico, in March, 1848, for 3 yards of crape .....		5 62
	O. A. Mack, lieutenant 4th artillery.....	Paid Thomas Cliff, at Oswego, New York, in December, 1852, for 3 sets of fetters .....		3 75
28	J. B. Collins, lieutenant 4th infantry.....	Paid J. H. Russell, at Mountain House, Oregon Territory, in May 1853, for lumber .....		1 20
29	John W. Ashmead, attorney at law .....	For professional services, in 1852, in the investigation of frauds attempted, for reimbursements of expenses incurred in fitting out volunteers for the Mexican war .....	200 00	
		For professional services in July, 1854, procuring an injunction to prevent excavations near the walls of the Schuylkill arsenal .....	250 00	
		Incidental expenses and search at clerk's office .....	8 37	458 37



Nov. 8	L. H. Marshall, lieutenant 3d artillery....	Paid W. T. Brooks, at Santa Fé, New Mexico, in September, 1853, for expense incurred in the suit of Charles Mueller, alias Kotzenberry, who sued for his discharge.....		11 10
	J. H. Whittlesey, lieutenant 1st dragoons..	Paid the following named persons for services as guides, interpreters, hunters, &c., in New Mexico, in 1847, '48, and '49:		
		Asa Estis, 34 days.....	144 00	
		C. Carson, 47 days.....	235 00	
		S. B. Maxwell, 26 days.....	104 00	
		L. Mitchell, 47 days.....	213 00	
		C. Ortivis, 53 days.....	236 00	
		T. Ortivis, 16 days.....	144 00	
		Antoine Leroux, 88 days.....	377 00	
		L. Carson, 21 days.....	105 00	
		R. Owens, 21 days.....	105 00	
		T. Boggs, 21 days.....	105 00	
		Antoine Diette, 21 days.....	84 00	
		Jose M. Lamora, 21 days.....	42 00	
		Jesus Silver, 21 days.....	42 00	
		E. J. Vaughan, 30 days.....	60 00	
		C. Beaubien, 2 months.....	120 00	
		Ignacio Jarmilla, 2 months.....	10 00	
		Luke Murray, 3 days.....	12 00	
		Jose Zamora, 3 days.....	9 00	
		Juan Domingo, 3 days.....	6 00	
		P. G. Cochran, 19 days.....	36 77	
		Wm. Hacker, 17 days.....	32 89	
		H. L. Casey, 4 months.....	240 00	
		J. H. Mink, 1 month.....	60 00	
		A. C. Metcalf, 43 days.....	195 00	
		J. H. Mink, rent of room for 1 month.....	10 00	
Nov. 21	Henry Stanton, gen., assist. quart'r gen'l.	Paid the following named persons in July, 1854, as surveyor, assistants, &c., surveying "military reserve" at Fort Howard, Wisconsin:		12,727 66
		E. L. Royce, surveyor, 10 days.....	50 00	
		M. S. Snaler, 33 days.....	66 00	
		D. W. Hubbard, 21 days.....	31 50	
		John Warren, 6 days.....	9 00	
		E. Root, 11 days.....	16 50	
		Hiram D. Bates, 11 days.....	16 50	
		B. Chapman, 47 days.....	70 50	
		Charles Ward, 4 days.....	6 00	
		C. D. Robinson, advertising and and printing blanks.....	18 25	

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Date.	To whom paid.	For what purpose.	Amount.	Total.
Nov. 27	T. R. Jackson, lieutenant 8th infantry....	Paid Adams & Hickman, at Fort Bliss, Texas, in June, 1854, for cambrie, merino, &c. for lining the coffin of Lieutenant De Lano, late of the 2d dragoons .....		\$12 38
Nov. 28	D. H. Vinton, major, quartermaster.....	Paid Chambers & Knapp, St. Louis, Missouri, in May, 1850, for advertising Fort Armstrong for sale.....	\$13 00	
		Paid John Mickham, St. Louis, Missouri, in May, 1854, for professional services, in defending petition under habeas corpus act, in the case of a recruit of the 6th infantry.....	10 00	23 00
Nov. 30	N. J. T. Dana, captain, assist. quarterm'r	Paid J. H. Webb, clerk of steamer Robert Fulton, at St. Louis, Missouri, in August, 1850, for transportation of 13 Indians from St. Louis, to Fort Leavenworth .....	91 00	
		Paid Charless & Blow, at St. Louis, Missouri, in August, 1850, for 1 compass, tripod, and chain.....	68 00	159 00
Dec. 23	P. F. Smith, brevet major general.....	Paid E. O. Crosby, by Major Ed. H. Fitzgerald, assistant quartermaster, in 3d quarter of 1849, by order of General Smith, for 5 days' services as guide "from the mouth of Feather river, by the Upper Yuba, to the north fork of the American river, in California".....		160 00
				17,432 55

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P. CLAYTON, *Second Auditor.*TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE, *January 10, 1855.*